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Translation from the Rumanian language.
Copy of General N. Radescu's letter addressed to
sixteen prominent Rumanians in France and U.S.A.

164 East 72nd Street,
New York City,
July 25, 1948.

Dear Mr.,.....

You are acquainted with the tireless struggle I have been carrying on for over a year for the formation of a National Liberation Committee.

Handwritten: Radescu
In September, 1947, after the arrest of Iuliu Maniu, and the suppression of the democratic political parties, I addressed an appeal in writing to those Rumanian leaders who had formed a group in Geneva, asking them to proceed immediately with the formation of such a Committee.

My appeal, unfortunately, has not had the effect it should have had, and all the efforts I made ever since have failed to bring about the desired result, either because of certain personal misunderstandings, or owing to the intransigence of some of the members of the political parties, who believed that the Committee could be nothing else but the emanation of these political parties, with the exclusive right on their part to decide who was to form part of the Committee. The admittance of a person outside the party cadres could be considered only as an exceptional favor.

This manner of thinking, naturally, could only be accepted by a very restricted number of Rumanians, and it was the reason why an organization for leadership and guidance could not be created, and provided a handicap to the Rumanian action.

But the Rumanian interests cannot be left to suffer indefinitely on account of the lack of understanding among ourselves.

This powerful motive, to which must be added a fact of capital importance, namely, the communication made to the groups of Rumanians in U.S.A. by the State Department, has determined me to make, in the course of the past month, a new proposal of collaboration, meant to give the most complete satisfaction to those who seemed to be more intransigent. I believe to have thus proved that I am guided only by the desire to bring about the union which has been my constant aim.

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But again my endeavors have had no better result.

Under these circumstances, and following another ~~communication~~ communication made to me personally by the Department of State, - communication which not one of us is permitted to ignore, considering the great advantages that may derive from it for the cause we are called to defend, - I have decided, in my capacity as President of the last constitutional and legal Rumanian government, to take upon myself the responsibility of forming a National Committee of Liberation, and to proceed, with all the haste imposed by circumstances, to its creation.

Any new delay in solving this question of overwhelming importance to the Rumanian cause, would have constituted a complete disregard of our country's interests, which interests we, who are at present abroad, have not safeguarded enough until now.

Having taken this decision, I consider it my duty to emphasize that, in my opinion, the only scope of the National Committee would be to organize and lead abroad the struggle for the liberation of our people. The Committee will not have the character of a government in exile, and will not concern itself with problems which, by their nature, should be left exclusively to the Liberated Rumanian people to deal with.

Believing in your sentiments as a good Rumanian and trusted patriot, I am addressing to you a warm appeal to disregard any consideration of a personal or political character and give your consent to join the Committee.

Your reply will be awaited until August 10, 1948, when the Committee will be formed with the persons who have replied giving their consent.

You will find enclosed a list of the persons to whom this proposition to join the Committee has been sent.

Hoping that this time my appeal will have the result which our enslaved people itself demands,

I am, etc., etc.,

Brătianu, Vintilă	Niculescu-Buzești, Grigore
Bianu, Cornel	Popa, Augustin
Caramfil, Nicolae	Titulescu, Viorel
Gretzianu, Alexandru	Veniamin, Virgil
Davila, Carol	Vișoianu, Constantin
Fărcașanu, Mihail	Zissu, Iancu
Gafencu, Grigore	
Chilezan, Emil	
Herescu, Nicolae	
Manuila, Sabin	